## What Is Claimed Is:

- A method of responding to a data request, comprising: receiving at a first server a request for data;
   querying a database containing said data; retrieving a pre-generated presentation view of said data; and serving said presentation view in response to said request.
- The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   recognizing the passage of a pre-determined period of time;
   generating an updated presentation view of said data; and
   replacing said presentation view with said updated presentation view.
- The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   detecting a change made to said data;
   generating an updated presentation view of said data; and
   replacing said presentation view with said updated presentation view.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said request is received from a20 browser and said presentation view is configured to be displayable by said browser.
- The method of claim 4, wherein said request is formatted according to the Hypertext Transport Protocol and said presentation view is
   formatted according to Hypertext Markup Language.
  - 6. A method of serving data, comprising:

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maintaining a database containing data responsive to data requests; in response to a trigger, comprising a presentation view of a first data item in said database;

storing said presentation view;
receiving a first request for said first data item;
retrieving said stored presentation view; and
serving said presentation view in response to said first request.

- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein said trigger comprises the passage of a period of time.
  - 8. The method of claim 6, wherein said trigger comprises a change in said first data item.
- The method of claim 6, wherein said storing occurs before said receiving.
  - 10. The method of claim 6, wherein said composing comprises formatting said first data item according to the Extensible Markup Language.
  - 11. The method of claim 6, wherein said composing comprises formatting said first data item according to the Hypertext Markup Language.
- 12. The method of claim 6, wherein said composing comprises25 applying a style sheet to said first data item.
  - 13. A database server, comprising:

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a first database configured to store data items, wherein said database is searchable by queries;

a second database configured to store presentation views of said data items; and

a database engine configured to generate said presentation views in response to a trigger;

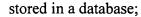
wherein a first presentation view of a first data item is retrieved in response to a query configured to search said first database for said first data item.

- 10 14. The database server of claim 13, wherein said trigger comprises the passage of a predetermined period of time.
  - 15. The database server of claim 13, wherein said trigger comprises a change to said first data item.

16. The database server of claim 13, wherein said first database comprises said second database.

- The database server of claim 13, wherein said database engine is configured to apply a style sheet to said first data item.
  - 18. The database server of claim 13, wherein said presentation view is configured to be displayable by an originator of said query.
- 25 19. A server configured to serve data in response to data requests, comprising:

request means configured to receive a first request for a first data item



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query means configured to query said database for said first data item; retrieval means configured to receive a presentation view of said first data item in response to said query; and

response means configured to serve said presentation view in response to said first request;

wherein said presentation view was generated prior to said receipt of said first request.

- 10 20. The server of claim 19, wherein said database and said presentation view are stored on a data server.
  - 21. The server of claim 20, wherein said presentation view is replaced by an updated presentation view generated in accordance with a trigger.

22. The server of claim 21, wherein said trigger comprises the passage of a predetermined period of time.

- 23. The server of claim 21, wherein said trigger comprises a change to said first data item.
  - 24. A computer readable storage medium storing instructions that, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method of responding to a data request, the method comprising:
  - maintaining a database containing data responsive to data requests; in response to a trigger, comprising a presentation view of a first data item in said database;

storing said presentation view;
receiving a first request for said first data item;
retrieving said stored presentation view; and
serving said presentation view in response to said first request.

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25. A computer readable storage medium containing a data structure configured to store data to server in response to data requests, the data structure comprising:

a set of data items searchable in response to data requests; and
a presentation view of one of said data items, wherein said presentation
view is generated according to a trigger in anticipation of a data request for said
one data item;

wherein said presentation views is configured to be displayable by an originator of said data request.

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